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**THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
MAY 23, 2005
REGULAR MEETING**

ATTENDANCE: David Brown, Chair; Paul Coggin; John Stoops; Stephen Feinstein
(7:50 p.m.)

STAFF: George Leary, General Manager

OTHERS: Larry Dennin, attorney

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2005

- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES TO THE NEXT MEETING.**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2005 REGULAR MEETING

The following changes were made to the May 9, 2005 regular meeting minutes:

Page 1 - Others: change first name of Mr. Oman from "Tony" to "Timothy"

Page 1 - Public Comment - Change "flag pole" to "flag poles"

Page 2 - Minutes of April 19, 2005: Motion: Change "THE APRIL 21, 2005 MEETING AS AMENDED" to "THE APRIL 19, 2005 REGULAR MEETING AS AMENDED".

Page 2 - Third paragraph: Change date from April 15, 2005 to April 19, 2005.

Page 2 - Motion : Change "THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2005 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED" to " THE MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2005 SPECIAL MEETING AS AMENDED."

- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2005 REGULAR MEETING AS AMENDED.**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

GM REPORTS

Mr. Leary reported that the CMEEC report has been filed and DEP notified of that filing.

Mr. Leary reported that the Fire Alarm problem which arose suddenly has been repaired and the fire alarms are now functioning correctly.

Mr. Leary also stated that Mr. Dennin spoke with Norden's attorney about the lease.

OPERATING REPORTS

The Committee reviewed various items on the April Financial report and the Taxing District bank accounts and balances. Mr. Leary stated that listing the accounts and balances are one aspect, while the allocation of the funds is another.

Mr. Feinstein arrived at 7:50 p.m.

It was noted that there had been a .42¢ per kilowatt hour increase in the price of power. Mr. Leary concurred, but also noted that currently, the Third Taxing District is operating under budget.

CMEEC CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Mr. Leary stated that there is currently no action required on this issue as the proper notice has been posted regarding the 30 day window.

TERRY ROONEY FETE

There was some discussion about the upcoming honorary dinner for Terry Rooney and the possibility of presenting him with a small plaque for his years of service. Mr. Brown said that he would check with Karen Doyle Lyons about the details of presenting a plaque to Mr. Rooney at the dinner.

- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN MOVED THAT AS MANY AS POSSIBLY CAN ATTEND MR. ROONEY'S FETE, PRESENT MR. ROONEY WITH A**

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- PLAQUE IF POSSIBLE AND REIMBURSE MR. COGGIN FOR THE TICKETS.**
- ** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NORDEN TREE PLANTING BID

Following some discussion about Norden's requirements, which may have changed, Mr. Leary recommended the Palmer Landscaping be accepted as the lowest conforming bid.

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO AWARD T. PALMER LANDSCAPING THE BID FOR PLANTING THE TREES AT THE NORDEN SITE FOR \$16,394.40.**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Mr. Leary reported to the Commission about the proposals he had received.

- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED TO ALLOCATE \$16,000 AS SALARY FOR MR. REICH AT \$20.00 AN HOUR LIMITED TO 20 HOURS A MONTH.**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED**

Additional discussion ensued about the overall practicality of limiting the construction manager's work time to 20 hours a month.

- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$16,000 SALARY FOR MR. REICH TO 40 HOURS A MONTH FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS.**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- ** MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPRENTICE LINEWORKER PROGRAM

This item was tabled until next month.

SEASONAL INTERN

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Mr. Leary requested permission from the Commission to hire a seasonal intern from one of the local high schools at \$9.00 per hour.

- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED APPROVE THE HIRING OF A HIGH SCHOOL INTERN AT \$9.00 AN HOUR FOR UP TO \$5,000 FOR THE SUMMER OF 2005.**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RATE STRUCTURE

After reviewing the four types of rate structuring listed in Mr. Leary's memo of May 23, 2005, Mr. Leary explained that the legislation was not yet passed. The most applicable type of rate structuring for the Third Taxing District would be the Time of Use structure but the customer profiling for that particular category is not one that is currently found in the Third Taxing District.

SOLAR UPDATE

The City of Norwalk has expressed interest in working with some type of solar project, possibly at Calf Pasture Beach, Mr. Michael Mochia would be the City of Norwalk Contact Person for this type of project. It was stated that CL&P is encouraging people to use solar power.

PRIORITIES

Discussion centered around assigning dates for the General Manager's list, particularly Items # 1-5 and having Mr. Leary report back to the Commission for clarification and approval.

REQUEST FROM CAP SQUADRON

- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN MOTIONED TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO NEXT MONTH.**
- ** MR. COGGIN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ELECTOR APPROVED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIREHOUSE

There was some discussion about the fact that with all of the repaving on the apron of the firehouse driveway, the clearance for the firetruck lights is decreasing and has now reached a bare minimum.

ELECTOR APPROVED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIBRARY

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Several projects were mentioned in the discussion and it was stated that these District approved projects for both the Library and the Firehouse now have a very good status with the hiring of a Construction Manager.

STREET LIGHTING NEAR UNION CEMETERY

The lighting around the East Norwalk Cemetery was discussed. It was suggested that possibly a proposal should be presented to the City regarding the lighting around the cemetery. Currently there are state of the art sodium lights already in place. It was suggested checking the East Norwalk Charter before proceeding. Chairman Brown will check with the Zoning Department.

TREE TRIMMING

After reviewing several bids with the Commission, Mr. Leary recommended awarding a new contract to K.T.I. Utility Construction as their price remains fresh.

**** CHAIRMAN BROWN MOTIONED TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO
K.T.I. UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR \$30,000.**

**** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED.**

Mr. Leary responded to several questiones from the Commission about the time table for trimming and clarified the calendar period this contract would cover as the upcoming fiscal year through June 2006.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PEAKING GENERATOR

Following some discussion on the pros and cons of the peaking generator, it was decided to follow the recommendations in Mr. Leary's memo of May 18, 2005.

**** MR COGGIN MOVED THAT THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT TAKE
THE POSITION AS FACILITATOR AND HOST FOR THE PROJECT.**

**** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2005 - CONT'D

**** MR. FEINSTEIN MADE A MOTION TO TAKE THE MINUTES FROM
MARCH 21, 2005 OFF THE TABLE.**

**** MR. COGGIN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN - CONT'D

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MADE A MOTION TO TAKE THE ELECTION OF THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OFF THE TABLE.**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MADE A MOTION TO RE-ELECT MR. BROWN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT.**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION WAS PASSED WITH TWO VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (MR. COGGIN).**
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services.